

ExxonMobil *Pipeline*

April 6, 2013

Mr. Bill Rhotenberry
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U.S. EPA Region 6
Incident Command Post
7101 Interstate Drive
Mayflower, Arkansas 7201

Re: EPA Information Request Dated April 5, 2013

Dear Mr. Rhotenberry:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company ("EMPCo" or "the Company"), I am responding to your letter of Friday, April 5, 2013, hand-delivered to me yesterday at approximately 5:00 p.m., containing eight separate requests for information.

EMPCo is working diligently and in good faith to gather information to respond to your requests. At the outset, it is important to understand that neither EMPCo nor any ExxonMobil affiliate was the producer of the crude oil in the pipeline at the point of the release. Rather, EMPCo took receipt of the crude oil at the Patoka, Illinois terminal. Therefore, a portion of the information requested is outside the Company's immediate knowledge and control. Our desire is to provide complete and accurate responses within our knowledge and control as soon as practicable.

However, due to the limited 24-hour time frame afforded EMPCo to respond, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, together with your reference to "civil and criminal penalties for failure" to "respond fully and truthfully," we are unable to provide full, complete and accurate responses to your inquiries by today's 5:00 p.m. deadline. We believe there is a reasonableness standard for information requests made pursuant to 33 U.S.C. Section 1318 et. seq. We are not suggesting at this time that your information requests are unreasonable, only that we require a reasonable amount of time to respond fully and accurately to your inquiries.

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As I conveyed to you verbally earlier this afternoon, EMPCo requests that the EPA provide us with a reasonable extension of time to respond to the April 5 request. We propose that by close of business Monday, April 8, after we have had an opportunity to confer with appropriate EMPCo personnel who possess, or are in the best position to obtain, the relevant knowledge, we will provide you a more definite time frame for our response.

EMPCo is, of course, working to gather information responsive to your requests. Likewise, EMPCo will continue to fully cooperate with the EPA and all participants within Unified Command.

Sincerely



Mark Weesner